

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1, 3 and 5, canceled claims 2, 4 and 6-12 and added new claims 13-15. Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Applicant has amended the abstract to track claim 1, as amended. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Applicant has amended the specification throughout to clarify the present invention, and thus, submits herewith a substitute specification. Both a clean version (to be entered upon the Examiner's approval thereof) and a marked up version are attached hereto as Exhibits A and B, respectively. Entry of the substitute specification is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Drawings:**

Applicant has amended FIG. 2 by transposing reference numerals 47 (a second dielectric layer) and 33 (a second shielding layer) so as to be consistent with the disclosure of the specification (see Substitute Specification, Marked Up Version, e.g., p. 6, lines 8-15) and claim 1 as amended herein. In that regard, Applicant has enclosed a replacement drawing sheet and entry thereof is respectfully requested.

**Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶2:**

Claims 1-12 have been rejected under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2 for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has either canceled the rejected claims or amended them to address

the Examiner's concerns, and thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

**Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b):**

Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Patent No. 54-120559 or U.S. Patent No. 5,977,924 to Takei et al. Applicant has canceled claim 11, and thus, respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

**New Claims:**

Applicant has added new claims 13-15, each of which depends from amended claim 1. An examination on the merits of these new claims is respectfully requested.

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For the above-stated reasons, this application is respectfully asserted to be in condition for allowance, and an early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

**AUTHORIZATION**

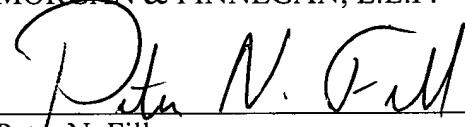
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